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Good Morning Mark

I am sending the answers to the questions posed by Chief Sloly yesterday. I disseminated it up our Chain of Command yesterday so that the Commissioner could send it to Chief Sloly. I am providing it to you to share through your chain of command as well.

Thank you Mark and Ken. I hope things go well today.
Pat

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Deputy,

Chief Sloly asked five questions in relation to four locations (Ottawa, Toronto, Ambassador Bridge/Windsor and Blue Water Bridge / Sarnia). POIB has endeavored to answer these questions as best as we can but they are difficult. I have also attached a list of convoys slated for events tomorrow. Further, I have attached an Operational Intelligence Assessment. This is the third iteration of this report. It has already been disseminated to Ottawa Police Service but you may wish to provide to Chief Sloly for his reference as it addresses many of the salient matters in the briefing.

The questions were as follows:

1. What is the exact number of trucks in the location currently?
2. What will the exact number of trucks be on Saturday?
3. What is the number of protesters in each location currently?
4. What will the number be on Saturday?
5. What is the extremist involvement?

Further, he clarified that he wished the answers to be provided by "confirmed intelligence" not aspirational information. This is an exceedingly difficult task with incidents of this type – many people will determine whether or not to participate based upon whim or a consideration of many personal factors.

ROW 1: The total number counts of trucks are not really the purview of intelligence and we have not necessarily engaged covert teams in counting total numbers of persons or trucks. Our analysts contacted the National Capital Region Command Centre Combined Intelligence Group for the person and truck/vehicle count. In Toronto, the event has not occurred yet and the numbers at the Ambassador Bridge and Bluewater Bridge are provided from on scene police observations.

ROW 2: In terms of the number of trucks to arrive on Saturday – this just cannot be known. The individuals have neither assembled nor departed. I have provided the information for the number of convoys that are organized – the most notable is from Quebec. OPS Inspector Bryden followed up with the SQ on the HENDON call about this. I have also attached a spreadsheet of the known rallying points for the main protest sites.

ROW 3: The numbers of protesters was taken from discussions with the NCR CC ██████. Two of the locations have 0 persons present.

ROW 4: The number of people to attend any of these locations tomorrow is not the subject of "confirmed intelligence". It is a matter of inductive logic and extrapolation based upon precedent and social media organization – and also weather conditions and actions taken elsewhere.

EXTREMISM: There is no official case law or criminal code definition on extremism as there is on terrorist entities and criminal organizations. We generally characterize a criminal extremist as individuals or entities that support violent criminal acts to pursue an ideology. In this sense there has been extremist sentiment expressed on-line on social media in relation to this event. But, I have not seen much evidenced in actual activity. This would be characterized by significant violent acts in line with an ideology that is extremist – i.e. Islamic Extremism or White nationalist. There is no information regarding the presence of terrorist entities nor have I seen evidence of significant “extremist” activity. Our analysts have provided two examples of entities that may fit the label of extremist but their actions have not necessarily illustrated this. Please see the analytical comment provided below the chart.

Category	Ottawa Red Zone	Ottawa Coventry	Toronto	Ambassador Bridge	Bluewater Bridge
Number of Vehicles Currently	450 trucks approx.. – total of 505 vehicles	142	U/K	30	0
Number of projected convoys for Saturday	- 11 convoys from QC – with estimated 575 Trucks - From SK – U/K numbers - From Lindsay - Minimal - From Toronto – 2 Potential Buses - From Moncton - U/K		6 Known Convoys traveling to Toronto	3 potential convoys from London and Chatham- #'s unknown	Potential convoy on US side
Number of Protesters Today	250 apprx.	100	None currently	260	0 at Bridge – approximately 30 at 402 blockade
Number of Protesters projected for Saturday	3000-5000 are expected (NCRCC Combined Intel Group)		U/K	# on site will increase based on social media, numbers unknown	
Element of Extremism	 (5-10 pers) (5 pers)		Toronto may attract Extremist elements	No Extremist Activity	No Extremist Activity

Response to Extremism Question:

Grievance-driven movements, like the Freedom Convoy 2022 and support events, may be more susceptible to the negative effects of heightened tensions leading to unpredictable behaviours owing to the impassioned beliefs of the participants and organizers alike.

These events may also attract extremist elements who view these public order events as an opportunity to advance their own agenda. As well, the presences of flags, symbols, and semiotics associated with ideologically motivated violent extremism and hate speech may prompt adversarial reactions leading to conflict. The presence of counter-demonstrators may increase this potential.

As with all forms of extremism, the potential for actors to inspire, incite, enable, and mobilize towards violence exists at any given time. The realization of an action/attack occurs when intent and capability meet with opportunity. Relative threat levels can increase or decrease in response to an actor's personal circumstances and where these may influence their perception of urgency to bring about change.

Thank-you,
Pat

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